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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for City of Waitsburg Highway 12 Preston Bridge Replacement Touchet River project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Waitsburg and the project is located at 147 Main St, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The funding is designated for a replacement bridge that would consist of a wider, safer single span over the bridge that would eliminate flood concerns through this section of river channel.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the local community as the narrowness of the bridge isn't adequate to accommodate the daily vehicular traffic that uses it, the pedestrian facilities are inadequate, the bridge rails and deck are deteriorating and the substructure catches flood debris adding unnecessary stress to the adjacent flood control levees. Two of the three channel sections are completely blocked and no longer allow water to flow through it which raise additional structural concerns.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress